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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/700,320	BASHEER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Deborah D. Carr	<b>Art Unit</b> 1621	

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**Period for Reply**

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-28, 32, 34-41 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 29-31, 33, 42-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.   |
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|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.                                   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-43 is withdrawn. Prosecution of claims 29-31, 33, 42-43 will be reopened and rejected under 35 USC§102 based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 29-31, 33 42 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Nakajima et al. (US Pat. 4,130,571).

US'571 teaches in example 6, the compounds 1,2-dipalmitoy-L-3-glycerylphosphorylcholine and 1-palmitoyl-L-3-glycerylphosphorylcholine. A claim to a compound defined by reference to the process by which it is produced, is not limited to compounds produced by the process recited in the claim. Therefore, process limitations cannot impart patentability to a product that is not patentably distinguished over the prior art.

4. Claims 31 and 42-43 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Virto et al.

Virto et al. Teaches 1-lauroyl-sn-glycerophosphocholine. See section 2.24 at page 631 of the reference. A claim to a compound defined by reference to the process by which it is produced, is not limited to compounds produced by the process recited in the claim. Therefore, process limitations cannot impart patentability to a product that is not patentably distinguished over the prior art.

*Claim Objections*

5. Claim 42 objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 42 has a typographical omission in that the claimed compound's name should be "1-acyl-2-lyso-glycerophosphocholine. Appropriate correction is required.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

6. Claims 1-28, 32, 34-41 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah D. Carr whose telephone number is 571-272-0637. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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